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SUBJECT: AFGHAN ATTENDANCE AT UNGA

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1. AFGHANISTAN WILL BE REPRESENTED AT UNGA BY AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO BONN ABDUR RAHMAN PAZHWAK AND SAMAD GHAUS, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UNITED NATION'S AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. PAZHWAK WAS AMBASSADOR TO UN FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND GHAUS HAS ATTENDED NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AS SPOKESMAN FOR AFGHAN GOVERNMENT. BOTH MEN ARE EXPERIENCED AND CAPABLE AND ARE CURRENTLY REPRESENTING AFGHANISTAN AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

2. POSSIBILITY OF PAZHWAK MEETING WITH SECRETARY WAS FLOATED BY MOHAMMAD HAKIM ARYUBI, GHAUS' DEPUTY WHO STATED THAT AFGHAN GOVERNMENT WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT SECRETARY, IF HE DID ATTEND SESSION, WOULD BE EXTREMELY BUSY, AND WE SUGGESTED THAT WHEN AFGHAN DELEGATION REACHED NEW YORK, THEY SHOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY WITH USUN. DELEGATION HAD ALREADY DEPARTED KABUL WHEN THIS CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE, AND ARYUBI WAS UNDOUBTEDLY ACTING ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION. THUS, IN OUR VIEW, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT AFGHAN DELEGATION WILL RAISE ISSUE ON THEIR OWN IN NEW YORK, ESPECIALLY GIVEN RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF THEIR REPRESENTATION. WITH CURRENT UNSETTLED SITUATION WITHIN AFGHANISTAN

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SENTATION. WITH CURRENT UNSETTLED SITUATION WITHIN AFGHANISTAN

AND GIVEN OUR OWN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS, WE BELIEVE IT WISER TO AVOID AT THIS TIME ANY LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH AFGHAN OFFICIALS WHO MOST PROBABLY WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO ACCURATELY REFLECT LATEST INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS. (AND INCIDENTLY AVOIDING ANY POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR NEW ASSISTANCE.)

3. POSITIONS OUTLINED IN REF B WERE DISCUSSED WITH ARYUBI WHO, AS GHAUS BEFORE HIM, ASSURED US THAT AFGHANISTAN WILL CONTINUE TO VOTE THEIR PREVIOUS POSITIONS WITHOUT CHANGE. IN PARTICULAR HE MENTIONED THAT AFGHANISTAN WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ADMISSION OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA TO THE UN.
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